

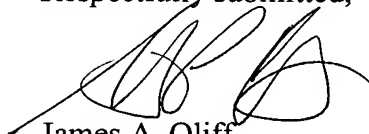
**REMARKS**

Claims 14-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title and specification are amended and original claims 1-13 are canceled. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, favorable examination of claims 14-34 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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